Pilots' involvement in plane accidents

*225. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased state:

(a) how many pilots were involved in plane accidents/incidents during the last three years;

(b) whether SAIL, Ranchi Aeroplane was involved in an accident on 17th November, 1994, at Bhubaneshwar;

(c) if so, what action was taken against the pilot; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) During the period from 1993-95 (till date), 19 pilots were involved in accidents and 35 pilots in incidents.

(b) A Twin Bonanza aircraft VT-DOR belonging to Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), Ranchi was involved in an incident at Bhubaneshwar on 16th November, 1994.

(c) and (d) Since there was procedural lapse on the part of the pilot, he was cautioned to be more careful in future.

Loans/Advances to Essar Group of Companies

*226. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state:

(a) the loans and advances made by different public sector financial institutions to the Essar Group;

(b) the terms and conditions thereof;

(c) the details of foreign dealings of Essar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The total assistance sanctioned and disbursed as on 30th September, 1995 by All India Financial/ Investment Institutions *(viz.* Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI), Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India Ltd (ICICI), Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI), SCICI Ltd., Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation (GIC) and Unit Trust of India (UTI) to companies under the Essar Group aggregated Rs. 4,743 crore and Rs. 2,347 crore respectively. Out of this, assistance sanctioned and disbursed by public sector financial/investment Institutions *(viz.* IDBI, IRBI, LIC and GIC) was Rs. 1,838 crore and Rs. 784 crore respectively.

(b) The loans sanctioned by financial institutions are covered by the general terms and conditions applicable to such sanctions, besides special conditions stipulated specifically for the project. Ther general conditions, *inter alia,* include security, stipulations regarding appointment of nominee director, constitution of project monitoring committee, management committee and audit sub- committee, undertaking of new projects, raising of fresh capital, declaration of dividend, appointment of chief executives and submission of periodical progress reports.

(c) IDBI has reported that activities of the Essar Group abroad, *inter alia,* include setting up of cold roll mills, trading including commodity trading, investment, shipping, equipment sourcing and chartering of oil rigs.

Impact of Scrapping of ENRON's Dabhol Power Project

*227. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of US financed projects in the power sector in the country with their locations; and

(b) the impact on these projects and also on India's position due to scrapping of Enron Project with reference to various clauses of the Agreement and also in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) As per information available, as on date,. US Investors have evinced interest for setting up 35 power projects in India. The location of these projects and their brief particulars are indicated in the Statement. *(See below)*